

MINUTES

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING BOARD

DECEMBER 14, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Andrew Harner called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in Room W064, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and declared a quorum, in accordance with IC § 25-23.6-2.

Members Present:

Andrew Harner, MSW, L.C.S.W., President
Kimble Richardson, M.S. L.M.H.C., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T., MHC Section Chair
Michael Aemmer, MA, L.S.W., L.M.F.T.
Rex Stockton, Ed.D, L.M.H.C., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T., Psychologist, MHC Section Chair
Carla Gaff-Clark, LMHC
George Brenner, L.S.W., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T.
Ruth Hallett, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

Geneva Osawe, MSW, L.M.F.T., L.C.S.W., MFT Section Chair, Vice-President
Vacant, SW Section Chair
Vacant, Consumer Member
Vacant, Psychiatrist Member

Staff Present:

Valerie Jones, Board Director
Ronnie Saunders, Assistant Board Director
Donna Sembroski, Legal Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended.

HALLETT/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 7-0-0

III. OFFICIAL WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

All board members and staff gave a brief introduction and officially welcomed Carla Gaff-Clark and George Brenner to the Board as the new addiction counselor members.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2009

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting of the Board, as amended.

HALLETT/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 7-0-0

V. RULE HEARINGS

A. LSA Document #09-796

Re: Amendments to 839 IAC 1-2-5

The Board held a public hearing to discuss the amendments to rules 839 IAC 1-2-5. The hearing began at 10:23 a.m. with Andrew Harner presiding as Hearing Officer. There was one comment from the public by Mark Scherer speaking as a representative of the

Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (INAMFT). There were no comments by the board.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the rules as published in the November 11, 2009 edition of the *Indiana Register* and the November 21, 2009 edition of *The Indianapolis Star*.

RICHARDSON/STOCKTON
Motion carried 7-0-0

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Reinstatement for Licenses Expired for Three-Plus Years

1. Debra A. Cannon, License # 35000551A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. Cannon regarding her request to renew her expired license to practice marriage and family therapy. Ms. Cannon's license has been expired since April 1, 2000. Ms. Cannon submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Ms. Cannon submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew her license.

A motion was made and seconded to require Ms. Cannon to personally appear before the Board to discuss her professional history since allowing her license to expire.

RICHARDSON/GAFF-CLARK
Motion carried 7-0-0

B. Addictions Counselor Application Review and Discussion

The Board reviewed the final versions of the addiction counselor application and the clinical addiction application. A brief discussion was held on the question as it relates to an applicant's previous treatment of drug or alcohol abuse and how it affects their ability to practice safely. Attorney Sembroski noted that she would discuss the issue with legal counsel for the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

There were no additions or corrections made to the presented applications. Director Jones informed the Board that the applications would be submitted to the Forms Department for finalization.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the applications as presented.

GAFF-CLARK/RICHARDSON
Motion carried 7-0-0

VII. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEW

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations made by each section of the Board for the licensure application reviews conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and at any other time since the previous board meeting.

RICHARDSON/AEMMER
Motion carried 7-0-0

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Andrew Harner, MSW, L.C.S.W., President
Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board